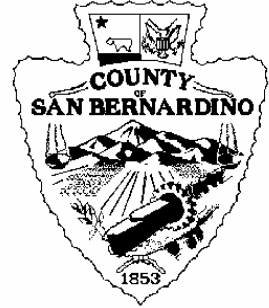


# NEWS

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## **Ovitt's Statement Regarding Officer Involved in Shooting**

I saw the video of Sunday night's shooting for the first time this afternoon, and I found the images very disturbing. It did not appear that the passenger had done anything to provoke the shooting, so I can understand why people are demanding answers.

I think it's important that we reserve judgment until the investigation has been completed and the established legal processes have been followed.

Despite what I saw on the videotape, I have the utmost confidence in Sheriff Penrod and in his department, and I do not believe that this incident is indicative of his department. I believe the public is safe.

I have faith in the Sheriff's ability to investigate this incident and present the evidence and findings to the District Attorney for independent review.

I also understand that the public expects the Board of Supervisors to provide oversight and leadership. Therefore I will do everything in my power to ensure this matter is handled properly.